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CLERKS MUST WORK OR

Important Amendment to General Appropriation Bill.

KETIRE FROM OFFICE

Mr. Vanderlip's Proposed Roll of Honor Set Aside.

A Reduction in the Estimates for Treasury Department Service of Nearly a Million Dollars.

The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was reported to the House this morning. The full committee amended the bill reported to it by the subcommittee by the addition of the follow-

The appropriations beyon made for the off on, clean and persons employed in the publi-erates shall not be available for the compensa-tion of any persons permanently incaparitate y age or otherwise for employment in such seri-

ection is expressly aimed at the The section is expressly aimed at the "Roll of Honor" of the Treasury and other departments, first mangurated about a year ago, by Assistant Secretary Vanderlip, which permitted superanumerated clerks to be practically retired on what amounted to a pension. The passage of the amountment will ecuped these clerks to refer to be a pension.

the amendment will ecopie these cleras to return to article work or to leave the Government service altogether. There seems to reason to suppose that Representative Tawney's civil pension bill will be injured by the amendment, as that provides merely for forced contributions

The bill carries \$23,225,237, against \$23,-233,613 for the present year, and against \$21,565,606 recommended by the Socretary

cally provided for in the bill is 750 less than the number estimated for, and, including 98 herstofore paid from the g.n-eral appropriation for the care of the Congressional Library building and ands, is 200 more than the number provided for in the law for the correct

The salary of the chief clerk to the Public Printer is provided for at \$2,500, instead of \$2,400.

The salary of the private secretary to

The salary of the private secretary to the Sceretary of the Treasury is reduced from \$2.400 to \$2.250.

In the office of Comptroller of the Treasury, two clerks at \$1.400 each, and one laborer at \$600 are provided for.

In the office of Auditor for Treasury Department, three clerks at \$1.200 each, rendered necessary by increase of work incident to the war with Spain, are provided for for the twelve months beginning April for for the twelve months beginning April 1, 1899, and two clerks at \$900 each, borne

on the honorable service roll, are omitted.

In the office of Auditor for War Department, the additional force rendered necessary because of increased work incident to the war with Spain, provided for in a deficiency not until March 31, 1899, is continued for one year from that date, to-gether with ten clerks at \$1,000 each, ten clerks at \$300 each, and three laborers at

In the office of Auditor for Navy Department, the additional cierical force rendered necessary because of increased work incident to the war with Spain, provided for in a deficiency act until March 31, 1899

In the office of Auditor for Interior Deent, four cierks at \$500 each, borne on the honorable service roll, are omitted. In the office of Anditor for Postoffice

clerks at \$1,200 each, two clerks at \$1,000

In the office of Commissioner of Internai Revenue, three clerks at \$900 each, borne on the honorable-service roll, are The sum of \$650,000 is recommended for additional clerks and other employes in the office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and for salaries and expenses of increased force of deputy ctors, rendered necessary by the act of June 30, 1808, providing for war ex-

librarian at \$3,800 in lien of a clerk at \$1,200, and one additional clerk at \$1,000 are provided for; and the salary of the clerk to the Assistant Secretary is increased from \$1,800 to \$2,100. The sum of \$450,000 is recommended for

the employment during the nine months beginning July 1, 1850, of such additional temporary force of clerks, messengers, la-borers and other assistants as in the judgment of the Secretary of War may be cient and accurate disputch of official business in the War Department and its bu-reams, to be allotted by the Secretary of War to such bureaus and offices as the exigencies of the needs of the service may

Union and Confederate Armies, the twenty-one employes, with salaries aggregat-ing \$29,660, recommended by the Scoreta-ry of War, are provided for in this office. In the Secretary's office of the Navy De-

office of Naval Intelligence, one clerk at \$1,000, one clerk at \$1,400, one translator at \$1,400, one assistant draftsrann at \$1,200, three cierks at \$1,000 cach, and one inhaner at \$650, in all \$9,200, are provided for in this office in lieu of persons employed therein on detail.

The salaries of the nine chiefs of bureaus of the Navy Department are provided for at \$2,000 each, instead of at

In the office of the Secretary of the Interior a chief of division at \$2,000, one clerk at \$1,800, one clerk at \$1,000, two clerks at \$1,200 each, and one copyist at \$900, in all \$8,700, are provided for, to con-

ntitute a division in charge of Indian af-fairs, rendered necessary by the passage of the act of June 28, 1898. In the Indian Office, three clerks at \$1.-600 each and five clerks at \$000 each, in all \$5,300, are provided for, being rendered necessary by the passage of the act ap-

In the Patent Office, twenty additional copyists at \$900 each, in lieu of twentyfive copylsis at \$730 each, are provided

In the office of First Assistant Postmas ter General, the salary of the chief of the malary and allowance division is increased from \$2,500 to \$5,000, and the sum of \$13,400 is recommended for the employment during the nine months beginning July 1, 1899, of such additional temporary force of clerks and other employes as in the judgment of the Postmaster General may be proper and necessary to the prompt, efficient and ne-

curate dispatch of the business in the office of the First Assistant Postmaster Seneral.
In the office of Second Assistant Post-

in the office of Second Assistant Formaster General, three additional clerks at \$1.000 each are provided for.

In the office of Third Assistant Postmaster General, one additional clerk, at \$1.000, is recommended.

master General, one additional ciers, at \$1,600, is recommended.

In the office of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, three additional clerks, at \$900 each, and one additional laborer, at \$600, are provided for.

In connection with the appropriation for the office of the First Assistant Postmaster General the following is proposed:

The assistant superintendents of the free delivery system shall hereafter be allowed a per diem of \$4 in lieu of all expenses when traveling on business of the Department or when detailed for duty away from headquarters at Washington, from headquarters at Washington,

INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS TO LOTS IN THE DISTRICT

REPORTS SUBMITTED TO SENATE Senator Honr Gives Notice of a

Speech Concerning Rights to Establish Colonies. Ten Senators were in their seats at the pening of the session this morning. Sen-

ator Frye occupied the chair. A communication from the Secretary of the Navy was transmitted to the Senate and referred to the Naval Committee. The communication was in reply to a request for estimates of cost for the new battleships and cruisers, and also the ar-

A report of all lots owned by the Gov-rnment in the District of Columbia was ernment in the District of Columbia was transmitted to the Senate from the Sec-retary of War. There are about 1,000 lots in the District claimed by private individ-uals, the title to which has never been parted with by the Government. Secator Berry offered a petition from certain ex-Confederates of Arkansas, ob-

cting to the amendment to pension Con-derate soldiers, which was recently pre-

he Treaty of Peace between the United States and Spain contains any provision for the payment of the claims of United States citizens against Spain arising prior o the war.

Senator Hear also offered a resolution asking that all matters relative to the Treaty be transmitted to the Senate, if not inecompatible with the public interest. Senator Davis requested that the retien go over, and his request prevailed.

THE SUBJECT OF A LENGTHY REPORT

cierks at \$1,500 each; three cierks at \$1,200 each; and four cierks at \$1,200 each; and \$1,000 each; at \$1,000 cach, two clerks at \$500 such, one pressum at \$1,200, and one charwoman at \$140 in the national currency redemption divi- committee appointed to investigate the bourd.

the Board of Guardians, she was sent to live with a family in Virginia, but was later returned to the George Maulsby Home in this city. She complained that she was ill-treated at that place and through her sister instituted habeas corpus proceedings for her release

ley of the Supreme Court of the District. Children's Guardians and also upon the management of the George Maulsby Home, where she was at the time domi-aled. The story as published was sensational and placed the management of the two boards in an apparently culpable light. The report states a committee States will be opened to the commerce of from the Poard of Guardians, consisting all friendly nations. of Mary L. D. MacFarland, William J. Miller and John F. Cook, were appointed in October to thoroughly investigate the charges and report to the full board.

Such report was submitted at the December meeting. A committee represent-in lieu of the ferce now employed in the work of preparation, publication and the work of preparation, publication and thorough inquiry into the charges. They were found to be wholly groundless and without a scintilla of truth as a basis. The in the Secretary's office of the Navy Department two clerks at \$1.800 each are provided for, in firm of one clerk at \$2.000, and one clerk at \$1.800. In the office of Judge Advocate General an additional clerk at \$1.600 is intelligent, humane and loving, and so

reported to the board. Since leaving the Mauisby Home the ong lady in question has written the ost affectionate letters to the superinten-nt. Since the interview referred to was widely read and commented on, and was calculated to injure in the public mind both the Board of Children's Guardians and the Maulsby Home, it is but fair that the result of the investigation be made as pub-lic as were the charges.

BILL TO WIDEN STREETS.

District Measure Passes the Senate

Without Debate. In the Senate today House bill 16106, to establish building lines on certain streets in the District of Columbia, was passed ithout debate.
The bill provides a means for widening

narrow streets at the instance of property owners and without expense to the District or to the Government.

NICARAGUA CANAL.

Senator Caffery Takes the Floor Against Mr. Morgan's Bill. At 1:30 this afternoon Senator Morgan called up the Nicaragua Canal bill, and Senator Caffery, who had the floor on that measure when the Senate adjourned for holidays, resumed his argument not the bill.

GOVERNMENT OF

Text of the President's Instructions to General Otis.

America's Mission One of Benevolence and Justice.

Aim of the Administration to Wir the Confidence and Respect of the Inhabitants.

The text of President McKinley's in structions to Gen. Otis, regarding the gov ernment of the Philippines, which were sent to Gen. Otis by cable and published by him at Manila yesterday, in the form of a proclamation, was given out by the adjutant general this morning as follows: Adjutant General's Office. Washington, D. C.

General Otis, Manila:

By direction of the Secretary of War I have the honor to transmit herewith in-structions of the President relative to the inistration of affairs in the Philippine

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.

"To the Secretary of War.
"Sir: The destruction of the Spanish fleet in the harbor of Manila by the United States naval squadron, commanded by Rear Admiral Dewey, followed by the reduction of the city and the surrender of the Spanish forces, practically effected the conquest of the Philippine Islands and the suspension of Spanish sovereignty therein. "With the signature of the Treaty of Pence between the United States and Spain by their respective Pemipotentia-ries at Paris, on the 10th instant and as the result of the victories of American

sented by Senator Butler to the general pension bill.

Senator Hoar gave notice that on Monday at the close of the morning hour he would address the Senate on Senator Vest's resolution in regard to the power of the United States to establish coonies.

When the Cooper of the Cooper of the United States in fulfillment of the Fights of severeignty thus required and the responsible obligations of government thus assumed, the artural occupation and administration of the entire Senator Morgan said he would rather the Senator would say at the cose of the morning business instead of the morning hour.

Senator Caffery gave notice that he would address the Senate can the same resolution temerrow morning at the close of the morning business.

of the morning business.

A resolution offered by Senator Gallinger was passed by the Senate, authorizing the payment of the expenses of the special committee attending the funeral of the late Senator Morrill.

Senator McMillan offered a bill for the opening of Pifth Street northwest in the District of Columbia.

Senator Hoar secured the passage of a resolution directing the Foreign Relations Committee to inform the Sanate whether the Treaty of Peace between the United tion to appears and proclaim in the most public manner that we come, not as invad-ers or conquerors, but as friends, to pro-tect the natives in their homes, in their employments and in their personal and re-

"All persons who, either by active aid or by benest submission, co-operate with the Government of the United States to give effect to these beneficent purpos give effect to these brackens purposes, will receive the reward of its support and protection. All others will be brought within the lawful rule we have assumed, with firmness if need be, but without severity so far as may be possible.

"Within the absolute domain of military authority, which necessarily is and must remain supreme in the ceded territory will the localistic of the United.

Result of an Investigation by the Roard of Children's Guardians of the George Manlaby Home.

The case of Cora Erickson, the girl 12. centinuing in force, and to be adminis-tered by the ordinary tribunals so far as practicable. The operations of civit and

the cath of allegiance, or by offices chosen as far as may be practicable from the inhabitants of the islands.

"While the control of all the public property and the refenues of the state passes with the cession, and while the use and management of all public means of transportation are necessarily reserved to transportation are necessarily reserved to the authority of the United States, private property, whether belonging to individuals On August 22 last Cora was released from the custody of the board on habeas corous proceedings before Justice Bradumless it be seen fit to substitute for them unless it be seen fit to substitute for them other reasonable rates or modes of contribution to the expenses of government In an interview, published at the time, corn made certain grave charges reflecting upon the management of the Board erry be taken for military use, it shall be paid for, when possible in cash at a fair valuation, and when payment in cash is not practicable receipts are to be given.

"All ports and places in the Philippine

"All goods and wares, not prohibited for military reasons, by due announcement to the military authority, will be admitted upon payment of such duties and other charges as shall be in force at the time

"Finally, it should be the earnest and paramount aim of the military administration to win the confidence, respect and af-fection of the inhabitants of the Philipfection of the inhabitants of the rhun-fection of the inhabitants of the rhun-pines by assuring to them in every possible way that full measure of individual rights and liberties which is the heritage of free peoples, and by proving to them that the mission of the United States is one of be-nevolent assimilation, substituting the nevolent assimilation, substituting the mild sway of justice and right for arbitrary rule. In the fulfilment of this high mir-sion, supporting the temperate administra-tion of affairs, for the greatest good of the governed, there must be sedulously main-tained the strong arm of authority, to re-press disturbance and to overcome all ob-stacles to the bestowal of the blessings of good and stable government upon the people of the Philippine Islands under the free flag of the United State

"WILLIAM MCKINLEY. nowledge receipt. H. C. CORBIN, Adjutant General."

Our Ships Will Be Welcomed London, Jan. 5.—A Central News departed from Portsmouth says that the American saturation is expected to arrive at Spithead in June. The Channel squadron will take part in the welcome to be given to the American ships. The clearing Prince Goorge will lead the squadron, and the Duke of York, for which the Prince George was named, will take a promient part in the ceremonies.

in the ceremonics. A \$25,000,000 Syndiente. Trenton, N. J., Jan. 5.—The Electric Company of America was incorporated here today with a capital of \$25,000,000. The company will con-trol the electric companies in New Jersey and the United States.

Senator Davis Renominated. St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 5.—The Republican members of the legislature last night unanunvisty re-nominated Cushman K. Davis for United States

B. & O. Saturday and Sunday. January 7 and 8, good for return until following Monday. Tickets good on all trains except Royal Limited.

A RECEIVER FOR THE CAPITAL RAILWAY

PETITION FILED IN COURT TODAY Littlefield, Alvord & Co. Bring Action to Collect Judg-

ment. Littlefield, Alvord & Co. today, through their actorneys, Raiston & Siddons, filed a petition in the Supreme Court of the District asking for the appointment of a receiver for the Capital Railway Company. The petition sets forth that on January, 1899, the plaintiff obtained a judgment

against the defendant corporation for \$643, and that execution being issued on same, was returned "nulla bona." It is also stated that on May 1, 1897; by deed of trust, recorded June 8, 1897, the Capital Railway Company conveyed to the Washington Loan and Trust Company all its property and franchise to secure the its property and franchise to secure the payment of \$300,000, of first mortgage bonds, and that on May 10, 1828, made a trust deed of its property to William B. Todd and J. Altherus Johnson to secure the Columbus Machine Company in the payment of \$2,700, and on August 24, 1898, made a deed of trust of its property to John R. Cainon and William B. Todd of all 11 property to recure the maximum of \$25,000. property to secure the payment of \$35,000; and on the same date another trust to the same parties to secure the payment of

The petitioners now come and ask the court that a receiver be appointed, and empowered to sell the property of the Capital Railway, real and personal, and to apply the surplus, if any, to the payment of the plaintiff's claim.

DEFIES THE SUPREME COURT. Refusal of the Standard O. Com-

pany to Obey a Mandate. Columbus, Ohlo, Jan. 5.—The Standard Oil Company attorneys this morning bluntly defied the supreme court.

Vice President Kline informed the court that they would not comply with the orders of the court to produce the commercial books of the company.

SEARCHING FOR PRISONERS. Spanish Efforts for the Release of

Aguinaldo's Captives. Madrid, Jan. 5 .- The minister of marine has instructed the Spanish unval commander at Manila to send two gunboats to

the island of Baladac to search for Spanish prisoners held by the insurgents. The government has also requested Gen. Rics to take further steps to secure the release of the Spanish prisoners in the hands of the insurgents.

RAILWAY OVER THE ANDES. Republic of Ecuador's Concession to

an American Syndiente. New York, Jan. 5 .- Advices recently reserved from the United States consular agent at Guayaquil, Ecuador, asmounting that important concessions had been granted to American capitalists by the Ecuadorean government were confirmed in this city yesterday. The company which obtained original concessionaires being Peter Cooper Hewitt, a son of former Mayor Hewitt, and Archer Harman. It was incorperated under the name of the Ecuadorean Improvement

Company.

The railroad which the improvement
company proposes to build will run from
amed.
Guayaquil, the chief scaport of Ecuador,
over the Andes Mountains to Quito, a disance of about 200 miles. It is estimated
that it will take about \$17,506,066 to build
the road.

ish war has been the presentation to the Government of claims of cable companies for damages sustained through the sus-

States military and navel forces.

The companies in each case base their claims upon the number of days of interruption to business, estimating the loss each day by the records of business trans-

The total damages cannot be foretold. His Wife's Death Killed Him.

at her found, Ac. 600 Vest Fortieth Street, last Sunday. Her bushand, a harnessmaker in the re-pair shop of the fire department, West Third Street, called on a ferred at No. 1520 Roadway restorday morning to complete fine arrangements for the finiteral. Gough suddenly threw up his bands and died, A suggeon who was called in said fourt discus-lad been argumented by his girls. The counts will be harded side by side and on the same day.

Strewed His Path With Flowers. New York, Jan. 5.—The Grand Duke Cyri Vladimirovitch, contin of the Czar of Russia sailed on the Heminer American Line: Fuers Bismark resterday. There were many Russian to see him off. As the Grand Vake walked in the gaugelank flowers were strevn in his path.

Local Optionists' Petition.

Representative McDonald has received a peri-tion from the residents of Montgomery county Md., praying for the prevention of the sale o liquor in local option counties, Montgomery county has local option, but large quantities o liquor are sold at the various road houses an

Ordered to Manila.

Contract Extended. Edward J. Harman was forier to the I that time fixed for the completion of his content furnish the Cook School building belie plant arrangements had been extended themy days.

W. O. Ormborff, official masses of the sail District, reported to the assumptioners that he had measured 200 7.8 suite of mo-

Merringe Licenses. Marriage licenses were issued today to Albert Crouse and Maléd Gates; Richard Cacapiell and Mary Smith; John Winkield and Marti-ierdon; Islan Scott and Eva Johnsen; Lewis Wal-

NAVAL ORDERS.

Vixen.

Passed Assistant Engineer F D. Terry, de-tached from the Vosemite and ordered home.

Passed Assistant Engineer B. C. Ball, detailed from the Bureau of Steam Engineering and or-ed from the Bureau of Steam Engineering and or-

dered home.

Assistant Engineer S. D. Miner, detached from
the lowa and ordered to temporary duty aboard
the Oregon, when that vessel arrives at the Asiatle station.

Assistant Engineer H. O. Bleser, detached from
the lowa and ordered to the Oregon.

Assistant Engineer P. Washington, detached
from the New Orleans and ordered to the Yosemite.

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Assistant Engineer G. B. Rice, detached from
the New York and ordered to the Yosemite.
Commodore S. W. Very, ordered to take command of the Castine, vice Commander R. M.
Berry, relieved.
The following officers have been detached from
the provision ship Supply and ordered home:
Lieut, E. V. Roberts, Rasign J. H. A. Day, Easign W. McCreery, Ensign F. X. Edthofer and
Ensign J. H. Crozier.

CONFUSION ON THE AMERICAN TRANSPORTS

Commissary Officer Gives the Algerians Bad News.

Tinned Roast Beef.

Colonel Osgood's Testimony as to

Saw Specimens of Embalmed Mean at Tampa Before the Fifth Army Corps Sailed for Santingo.

Only one witness was examined by the Alger Relief Commission at its session today. He was Colonel Henry B. Osgood, of the commissary department. He testified that he had seen refrigerated beef issued at Chickamauga and Tamua, and he had issued, he thought, about half a million pounds at Santiago. He had seen no beef issued that was not of good quality. When the beef was placed on the block outside of the cold storage house, it was inspected by Government butchers and commissary officers. Any beef that was found defective was not accepted and, according to the contract, the loss was born by Swift & Company. Some of this re-frigerated beef when exposed to the at-mosphere would take on a green mold. This made the meat appear uninviting to the eye, but did not cause any deterfa-tion in the meat. The mold would form only on the exposed surface of the fat. He thought that the climate of east Cuba

sensitive. Col. Osgood said that he had heard com-Cel. Osgood said that he had heard com-plaints of the meat. One lot of beef was returned from San Luis by the Second U. S. Volunteers (immunes) after review by a board of survey, as rotten. Beef out of the same cargo was dispensed and no complaint was made of it. A steak cut from one of the quarters sent back from San Luis was one day eaten at a mess of officers and was pronounced excellent. He explained this by saying that the board of survey which condemned this beef judged of the most by its appearance, that is, the green moid was not trimmed away. Col. Osgood was positive that the rejected beef was was positive that the rejected beef was

Cel Osgood said that at Tampa, before the sailing of the Fifth Army Corps, ne had seen four quarters of "embelmed" beef. It was not meat that had been bought by the Government or with which the Government had anything to do. A man, interested in "process" berf, and requested permission to hang the eat from the fere boom of the trans-rt Canual for exhibitions and experipurposes. The witness understool ment purposes. The witness understool that this beef was prepared by Armour & Co. for a man whose name is l'owell. When the witness saw this ment it had been hinging in the sun for three days and was apparently pure. No beef of this character was issued to a single soldier. He thought that the "process" beef stories originated from this exhibition on the Causal 4. Tames

anual at Tampa. He described the method of distributing beef from the depot to the companies. Col. Osgood thought that refrigerated beef is the best ment for issue to troops He had, at the outbrenk of the war, fa-vored cattle on the hoof, but had been ed by experience to change his opinion Throughout the army refrigerated beef was preferred to fresh killed cattle.

On the subject of corned roast beef, the witness said that it was good beef, but he did not like it. It was put up

well but without condiments, and tasted flat, unless it should be cooked and sea-soned to suit the taste of the men. It was not generally liked by men in the regular army, and was eaten only when men could not get fresh beef. It was used only as an emergency ration. When en were sent too far from the base of supply that fresh beef could not be had, this tinned roast beef was a good thing to have. It had been used in the army to the personal knowledge of the witness for ten years. He had during all this time seen some cans of bad meat, due to defective cauning, but this occurred in If cooked beef were all canned goods. put in eans, the air excluded and her-metically sealed, that meat would keep, just as corned beef, tomatoes or salmon, He had aided in the loading of the trans ports. There was no scramble to get on board. He had loaded the transport Yu-catan. Colonel Wood did not sieze the Yucatan. The witness said that he knew just what regiment was to go on a given transport. There was a slight misunder-standing, because the Seventy-first New York once took a wrong train. He found that the condition on some of the transports was good, and some had. Some of the transports had side ports and were-well ventilated. Some of the ships had no side ports. These ships were very close. The witness said that too many men were leaded on the ships. There was a good deal of confusion at Tampa. Things were pretty badly mixed up at times. When asked as to whether on a certain occasio artiflerymen, guns and horses were loaded on one ship and the ammunition on auother he said that although he did not know of this, he considered it likely,

NORTH CAROLINA LAWMAKERS. First Demogratic Legislature in That State Since 1893,

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 5.—There was a great crowd at the capitol vesterday to see the assembling of the first Democratic legislature since 1893. Lieut. Gov. Reynolds re in the fifty senators All, save for crats, and only one is colored. Notice was given of three contests for seats. A Populist Serator, in behalf of the party, said they did not intend to obstruct legislation or to make any nominations, but bade the Democratic majority godspeed.

The session of the house was opened with prayer by Rev. Jesse H. Page, of Richmond County, who was a prominent factor in the late campaign, and whose letters were read from the stump all over the State. He had been specially invited to offer the opening prayer. There are four negro members in the house. There are 54 Democrats. 9 Republicans, and -7 Populists. One negro Republican, Isaac H. Smith, of Craven, caused quite a sensa-tion, and was given great applause when he voted for the Democratic nominees. The event of the day in the house was the election of speaker, Henry G. Conner he-ing the choice. Mr. Conner's speech was heard with close attention, as it outlined the Democratic policy, particularly as to the suffrage question. He said in par-"This legislature meets at a time under conditions peculiarly interesting. What is done will deeply impress itself upon the fortunes and well-being of the Commonwealth. There are times in the history of the State when to preserve the high st and best interests radical measures are de-manded. Much is expected of this legislature, and we must see to it that people are not disappointed.'

Increase in Coal Shipments.

Flynn's Business College, 8th and K. Business, shorthand, typewriting-\$25 a year.

MYSTERY ENSHROUDS

SESSION BEHIND BARRED DOORS

Letter Received From Colonel Harries Condemning the Quality of Beef-Probable Witnesses.

The doors to the room in the quarter master's depot on Seventeenth Street, opposite the War Department, where the survey board is supposed to be at work, were barred again today to all except the members of that august body. What was done or being done was beyond finding out. The employes around the depot were close-mouthed and mysterious. They per-formed as though matters of grave im-

port were burdening their brains.

Among the witnesses liable to be ask d before the Board is Gen. Harries, who, it is said, had written a letter in which he throws some light on canned heef. He said in the letter that the beef furnished the District troops commanded by him was simply sickening, and that it nauseated his men to such a degree that they could not use it without great harm to He describes in comprehensive terms the

oppearance of the meat, its odor and ef-ect, and, in short, condemns it in the strongest way. This letter, it is alleged, will be used as a reason for calling Gen. Harries before the survey board, and those who should know say that he will stand squarely and unflinchingly by every allegation in it. It is also said that Capt. Aspniwail will be summoned, and that he will give some

interesting testimony regarding beef sup-plied for the troops on the Manitoba. He will, according to a story notat, testify that on the trip from Ponce there were 1,750 quarters of beef aboard the vessel. That issues of this meat to the men were nearly all condemned by the surgeons as unfit to eat. When the ship reached New York what was left of the stuff was placed ard a barge, taken ashore and after ward buried.

MUNICIPAL COURT BILL.

the Justices of the Peace Favored.

A number of attorneys appeared at the apitol this morning in favor of the bill that Representative Jenkins, of Wisconsin, introduced yesterday, abolishing the offices of justice of the peace and constable in the District of Columbia, and establishing in cate that Spain has made a more which may further embarrass this Government, tices.

It is stafed that the Spanish minister of

The bill provides that the court shall have jurisdiction in all civil cases where the amount claimed to be due for debt or damages does not exceed \$200.

YOUNG POSTOFFICE THIEF. Child of Eight Confesses to Stealing Letters.

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 5 - Edward Secney, aged eight years, is probably the look today that is at all reassuring. The
re-enforcements sent to Gen. Miller will youngest pesteffice thief in the country. Last night he was arrested and confessed to Postoffice Inspector Maxwell that he stole last night from the Wil-mington postoffice a package of forty let-ters, because he thought they contained

Before being arrested Seeney led the TRAMPS STARVING TO DEATH,

officers a lively chase up alleys, over fences and across yards. He also confessed to robing some car-penters and admitted that he frequently tole articles from a Wilmington depart

DIPLOMAT'S AMERICAN BRIDE.

Parlin, daughter of the late Gen. McParlin, U. S. A. Cards will be issued in account at the days. Miss McParlin is at present at the days. Miss McParlin is Annapolis, Mil. She home of her family in Annapolis, Md. She with lovely soft brown eyes and light brown hatr. She is quite artistic and has been noted since her entrance into society for her gowns. Miss McParlin has no great Senor Eguiguren is about forty ve and is a man of wealth and influence

ceremony will take place in Baltimore. KEELY'S BEST FRIEND DEAD.

Mrs. Moor. Who Indorsed the Inventor. Dies in London.

London, Jan. 5,-Mrs. Bloomfield Moor. of Philadelphia, died at her residence, No. 12 Stanhope Street, Mayfair, today. Mrs. Moor attained celebrity as the sup-porter of John E. Keely, of "Keely motor" fame, who died recently in Philadelphia. Mrs. Moor became acquainted with I-cly

se-called inventor's expenses. She had a great influence over Keely, and stockholders of the Keely Motor Company used to accuse her of interfering with the success of their investments.

DROWNED IN A COLLISION.

at Falmouth, England. London, Jan. 5 .- Lloyds' agent at Falmouth wires that a pilot cutter has landed there the captain and thirteen of the crew

Survivors of the Two Ships Landed

of the steamer Rosshire, and also the captain and eleven of the crew of the steamer Dungeseline, which vessels came into collision yesterday near the Trevose Head.

The Dungescline sank almost immediately and the Rosshire was left in a sinking condition. Eleven of the crew of the geseline and one of the Roschice were

Finished Prayer and Died. Perry, Okla., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Ophelin Der nont, a very devout Methodist, disc ust as she finished a prayer at

revival meeting. The mater called on Mrs. Dermont for prayer. The lady prayed long and loud and as she crose m her kneeling posture she fell Mack A Railroad Rumor Denied. Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—The rumor that the Reading Railread was to secure control of the Lehigh Valley Company, but not by lease, as was done when President McLeod secured the road, was emphatical-

denied yesterday by the officials both roads and the representative of the big financial interests involved.

Capt. M. A. Austin, who has been to a charge of the police department do beence of Major Spivester, was painfully

Mr. Dingley Much Improved.

Dr. Beale, the physician in attendance upon Representative Bingley, saw his patient this morning and promounced him much better, though it is thought that he has not as yet pass-ed the danger line. The sich man passed a quiet, night, and has rested comfortably today. It was reported at 3 o'clock this afternoon that his con-dition continues to improve. Presented His Credentials.

Senor Don Joaquin Eduardo presented hi-dentials as envoy extraordinary and min plenipotentiary from Cost Rica to the Presi today.

ENSHROUDS THE SURVEY BOARD DEWEY SENDS HELP TO GENERAL MILLER

Gunboats Concord and Petrel Ordered to Hoilo.

Bat leship Oregon to Join the Asiatic Squadron.

Situation in the Philippines Contige ues Serious-Spain's Latest

The situation in Iloilo continues to exrite alarm in the minds of the officials of the War and Navy Departments. So far cerning the Philippine troubles, but it is inderstood that advices have been received from Gen. Miller which have only

Moves.

erved to increase the apprehension, Secretary Long was notified today by Rear Admiral Dewey that the gunboats Concord and Petrel had been sent to re-enforce the naval detachment at Hollo, under Capt. Dyer. These two vessels were sent to convoy the transports which carried a regiment of re-enforcements Gen. Miller, and their commanders were

instructed to place themselves under Capt. Dyer's orders. The destination of the battleship Oregon was definitely, although indirectly an-nounced for the first time at the Navy Department today. It has been thought all along that this fdrmidable war vyssel would join Admiral Dewey's squadron, but up to today this has been denied at the department. In a naval order, issued today, however, transferring an officer from

day, however, transferring an officer from another vessel to the Oregon, it was stated definitely that she was going to Manila. This considerable re-enforcement of Admiral Dewey's fleet may be the result of the recent developments in the islands, and, perhaps, were only decided upon recently. With the exception of the indirect reference to the matter in the navial orders, however, nothing has hitherto been said of her destination.

Morning dispatches from Madrid in il-

Morning dispatches from Madrid indimarine has ordered the senior Spanish naval officers in Manila to send out gun-boats among the islands to fook for and secure the release of Spanish prisoners held by Aguinaldo. Whether or not Admiral Dewey will permit this is not known. Officials today refused to discuss that phase of the situation until some more authentic information has been re-

not, it is thought, change the aspect of affairs. What this Government most dreads is a conflict between the American and insurgent forces, and just now everything indicates that such a conflict is al-

Huboes in Prison Prefer Death to Breaking Stones. Kokomo, Ind., Jan. 5.-There are eigheen tramps in the Howard county jail slowly starving to death. Two weeks agothe hoboes refused to work on the stone pile, and Sheriff Harness put them in jail Former Peruvian Minister to Wed Miss McParlin.

Senor Don Victor Eguiguren, late minister from Peru, will wed Miss Clare Mestrice, the lailer reduced the bread supply. to two loaves a day for the entire gar

VOLUNTEERS WANT WORK

District Men Apply to Commissioner Commissioner Ross stated today that a number of District Volunteers had applied to him for work. He has been unable to omply with their requests and asks that the public be informed of the desires of the

men, hoping in this way to secure them, FOR THE RELIEF OF MRS. LVANS Contributious Continue to Reach

The Times Office. Contributions continue to reach The Times for the relief of Mrs. Jane Evans. the destitute woman, whose story of sturvation was made public yesterday. Donations of groceries and clothing have seen sent to the home of the sufferer. No.

216 Mechanic Place southeast.

The cash received by The Times up to Preciously acknowledged

Enptist Church to Be Entit.

Vienna, Jan. 5.—The correspondent voice Prote Prese, in Brusens, telegraph is authorized by Prime Vietna Napole

Prince Victor's Denist.

Lawrence, Kam., Jan. 5. The Commissional Barthed Wire Company has present into the hands of the American Strey and Wire Company. The sale mellandes the plant in Johns, III., with a capacity of 2,500 time a month. To Examine Dreyfus by Cable. Paris, Jan. 5.—The reports that Director has left the He Diable, or will be brought to Paris, reserved further denials in the statement that the whole examination of the prisoner by the court of causation will be commeted by eacher. This will extual enforcement expense.

Esther Dorsey Sues for Divorce. Ealery Bursey today fired a petition for dreamer from her biostand, Thomas J. Bersey. In her symplant she allignes that she was married to the defendant in Baltimore, Mis. in famour, 1833, and since has resided in this city. She states that her hashand is addited to a time drink, and frequently becomes interioral to

Army Officers Discharged

The following officers of the United States from have been granted leave of the free Mallians Williams (Lapit J. 7), "States, Lapit J. M. Kennesly and L. A. Mitcheil. \$1.25 To Baltimore and Re- \$1.25

turn via Pennsylvania Railroad.

Tickets on sale Saturday and Sunday, Ja and S. good to return until Monday, Jo A³¹ trains except the Congressional Lim ju5-3t-em